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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

NEW YORK IS UNDER SIEGE BY THE BEAST, THE DEMON OVERLORD OF THE HAND, AND HIS NINJA HORDE. THE INITIAL WAVE OF ATTACKS NOT ONLY TARGETED THE CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO ITS NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, WILSON FISK, THE FORMER KINGPIN OF CRIME. WITH FISK IN CRITICAL CONDITION, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT MURDOCK (A.K.A. DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR) FOUND HIMSELF PROMOTED TO MAYOR OF NEW YORK.

WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITY ON HIS SHOULDERS THAN EVER BEFORE, MATT HAS LEANED ON DAREDEVIL'S ALLIES AND HIS NEW MAYORAL AUTHORITY TO RECRUIT VIGILANTES AND CRIME BOSSES ALIKE TO DEFEND THE CITY IN THE POLICE'S ABSENCE.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE BEAST UNLEASHED A MYSTERIOUS FOG THROUGH THE STREETS, MATT UNEXPECTEDLY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, LEAVING NEW YORK LEADERLESS AND COVERED IN A SICKENING CLOUD. FORTUNATELY, ONE MAN SEEMS TO HAVE A WAY TO DISPERSE THE GAS, AND HE JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE MAYOR'S PRIEST...

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NEW YORK CITY HALL.

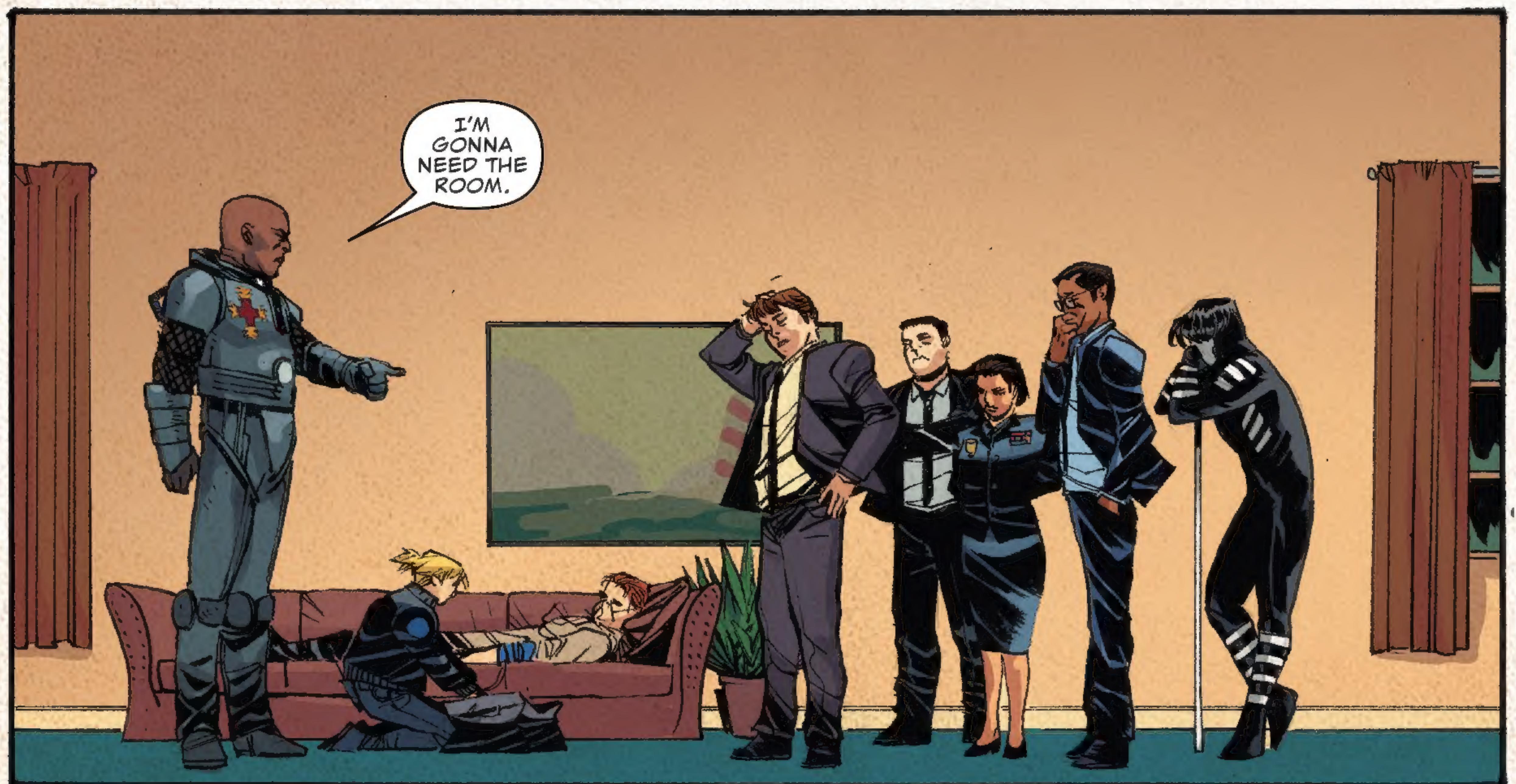


THE MAYORAL ADMINISTRATION
OF MATTHEW MURDOCK.

HOUR 66.



I'M
GONNA
NEED THE
ROOM.







"...AND LOOK TO THE SKY.



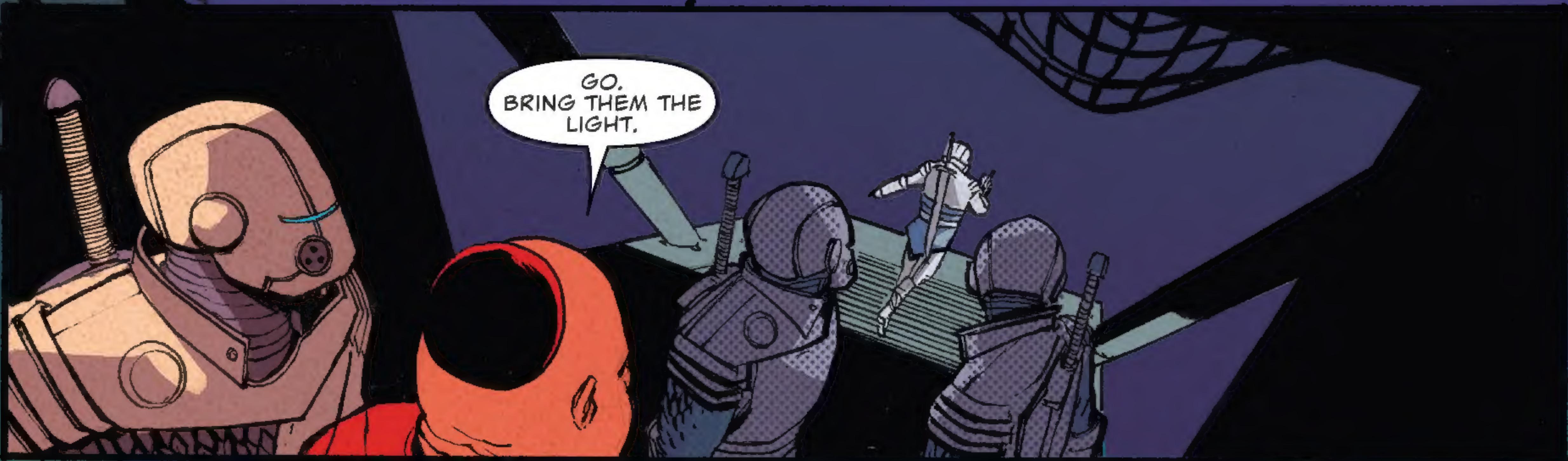
"FOR YOUR SALVATION IS AT HAND."

IN NOMINE PATRIS, ET FILII ET SPIRITUS SANCTI.

AMEN.



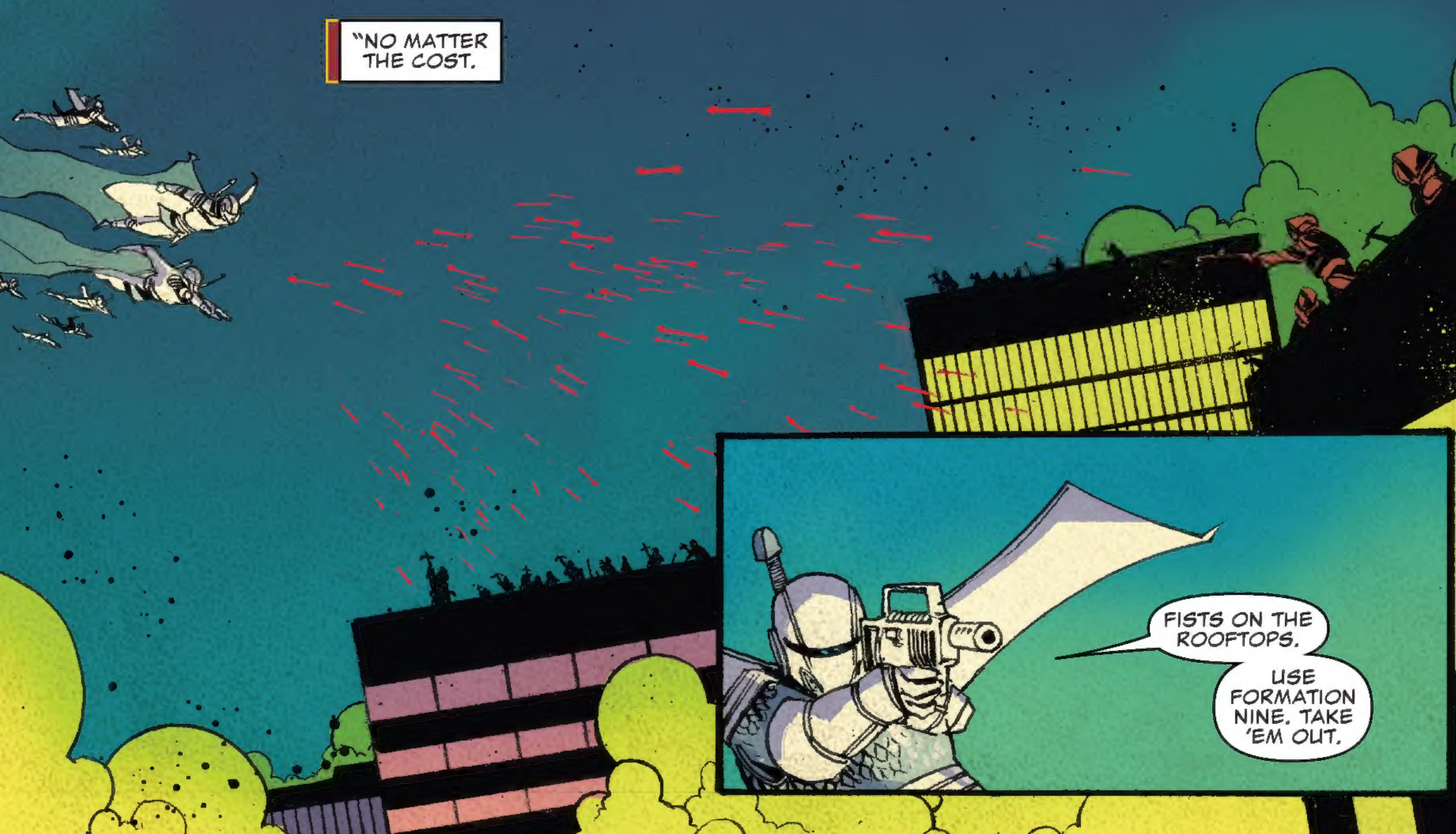
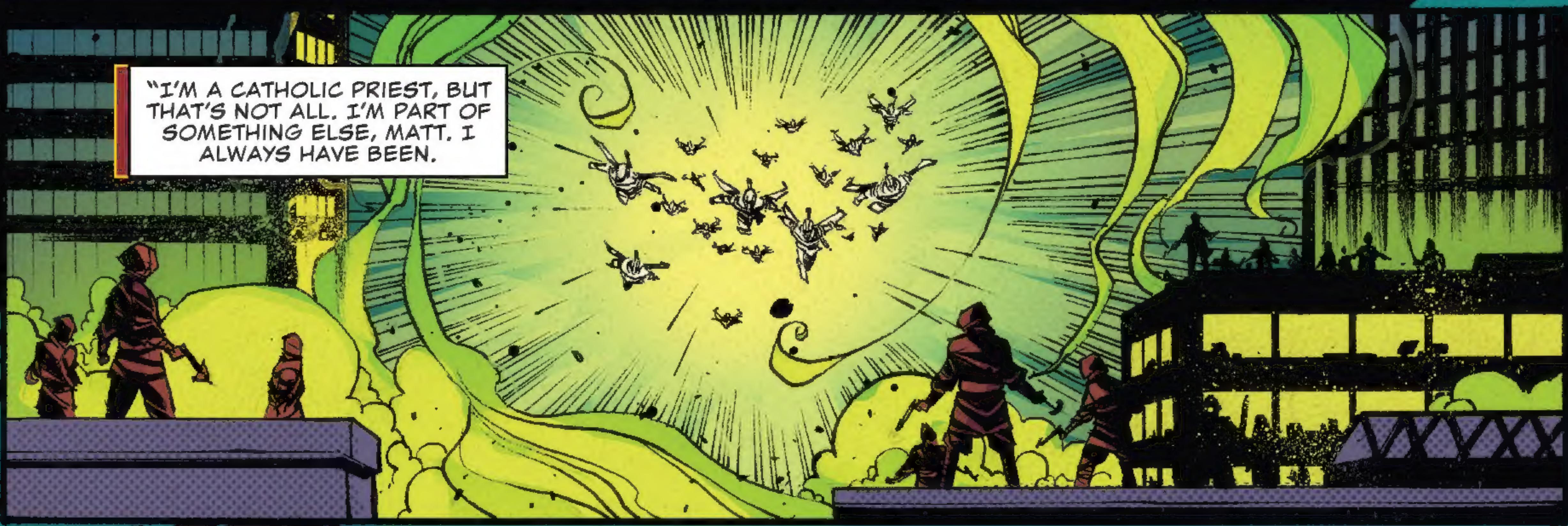
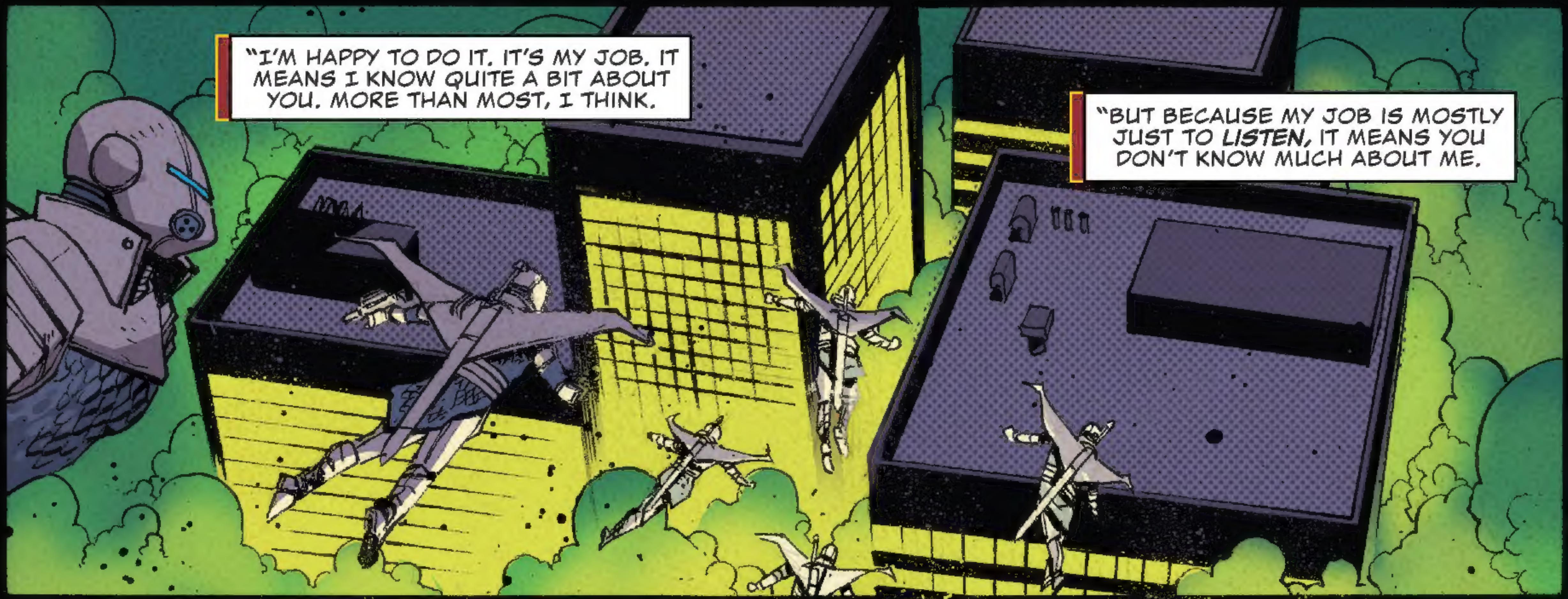
GO. BRING THEM THE LIGHT.



"YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO ME FOR A WHILE NOW, MATT-- OFFERING CONFSSION.

"LETTING ME BEAR SOME OF THE WEIGHT YOU CHOOSE TO CARRY AS DAREDEVIL."







"WHEN THE HAND CAME TO THE CITY,
I KNEW WHAT IT MEANT, AND I KNEW
YOU'D NEED HELP."



"I REACHED OUT TO MY
BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
AND NOW, AT LAST..."

OBJECTIVE
AHEAD--WE MADE IT
THROUGH.

"...THEY'RE
HERE."

SPREAD
OUT AND SET UP A
PERIMETER.

"YOU KNOW
WHO THEY ARE.
THEY'RE WHAT
I AM."

ORDO DRACONUM.
THE ORDER OF THE
DRAGON.

WAIT. YOU
MENTIONED THEM
ONCE BEFORE, WHEN
WE FIRST MET. I FIGURED
IT WAS JUST A CLUB YOU
SET UP WITH SOME
OF YOUR PRIEST
BUDDIES.*

*IN DAREDEVIL #16.

LIKE,
MAYBE
YOUR NAME
FOR POKER
NIGHT.

NO,
MATT.



"WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME."

"ORDO DRACONUM WAS FOUNDED IN 1408 BY KING SIGISMUND VON LUXEMBOURG OF HUNGARY."

"IT WAS ORIGINALLY A MILITANT ORDER OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS, USED TO PROTECT THE KING'S TERRITORY FROM INCURSIONS BY FOREIGN EMPIRES."

"BUT AFTER ABOUT A CENTURY, IT WENT UNDERGROUND, CHANGING ITS FOCUS TO...ENEMIES LESS ORDINARY."

"WE STOPPED FIGHTING FOR THE KING..."

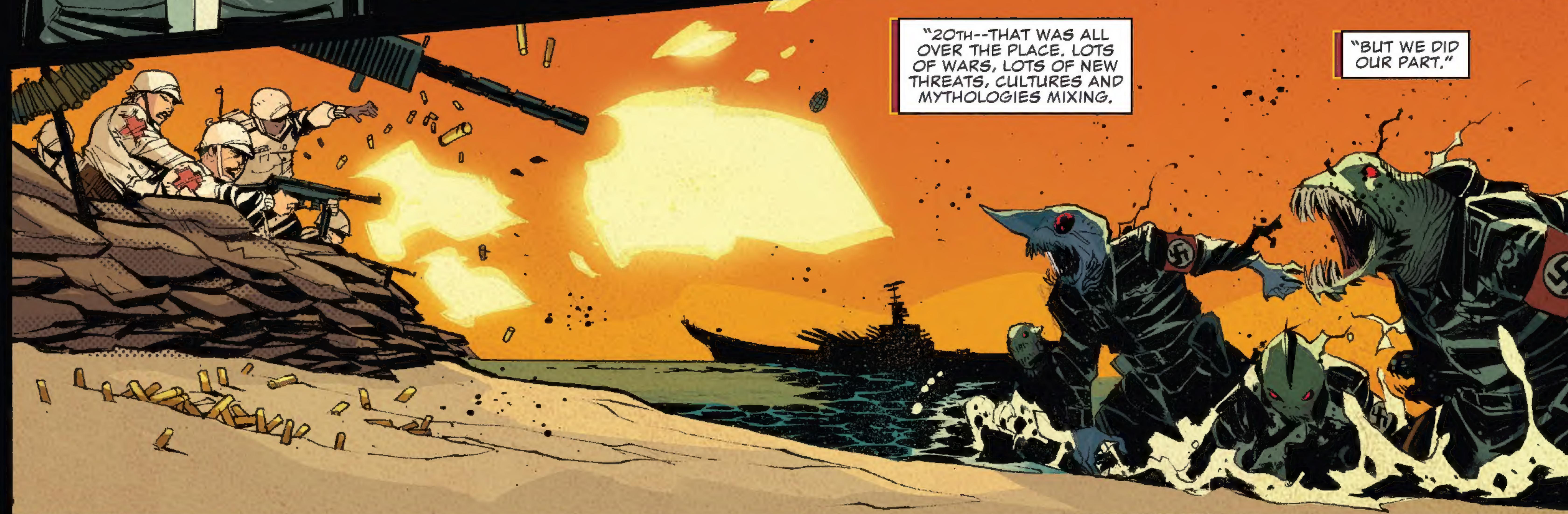
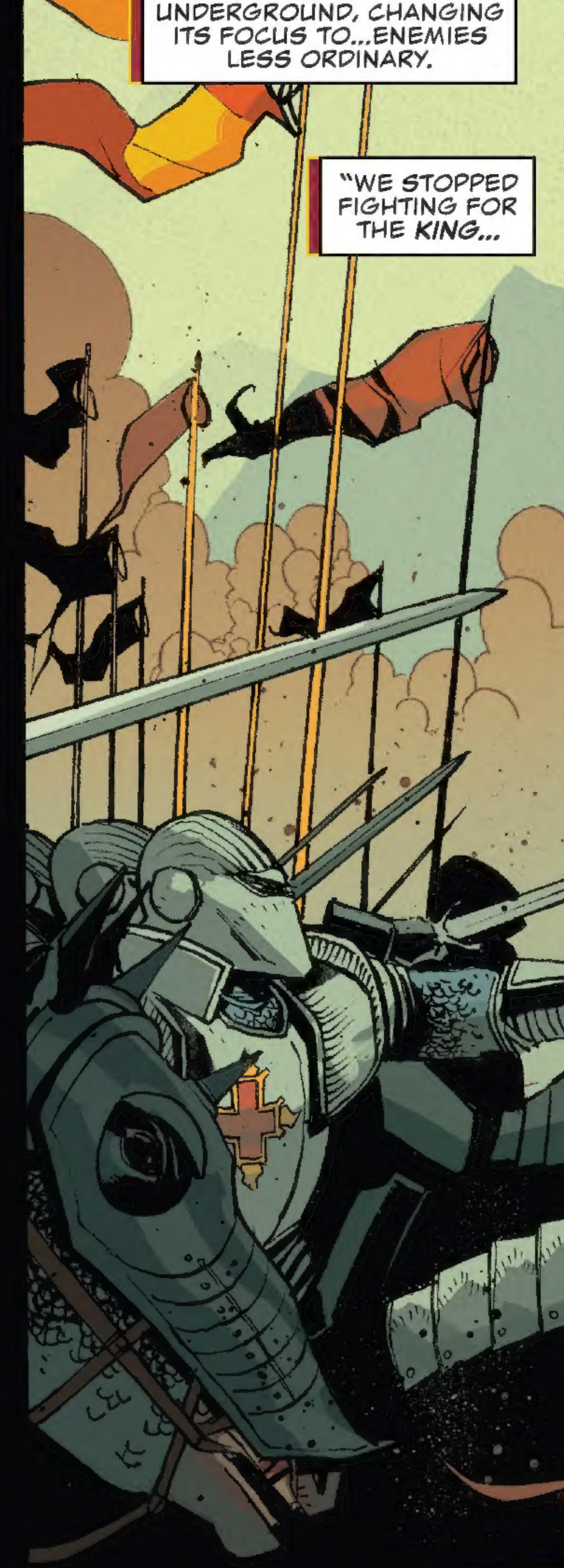
"...AND BEGAN FIGHTING FOR HUMANITY."

"THE 16TH CENTURY WAS MOSTLY ABOUT THE VAMPIRE WARS."

"17TH--THE PLAGUE ZOMBIES."

"IN THE 18TH CENTURY, WE ALMOST LOST EVERYTHING BRINGING DOWN THE FJORD QUEENS--BUT OUR FIRE WON OUT IN THE END."

"19TH CENTURY--THE VAMPIRES CAME BACK."



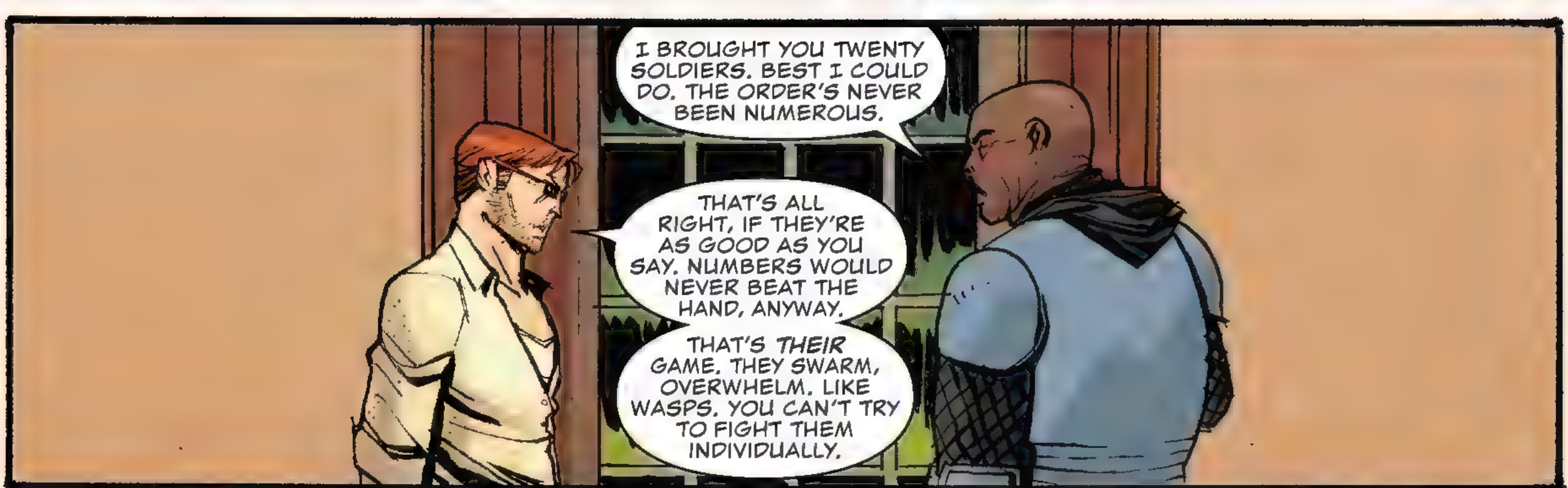
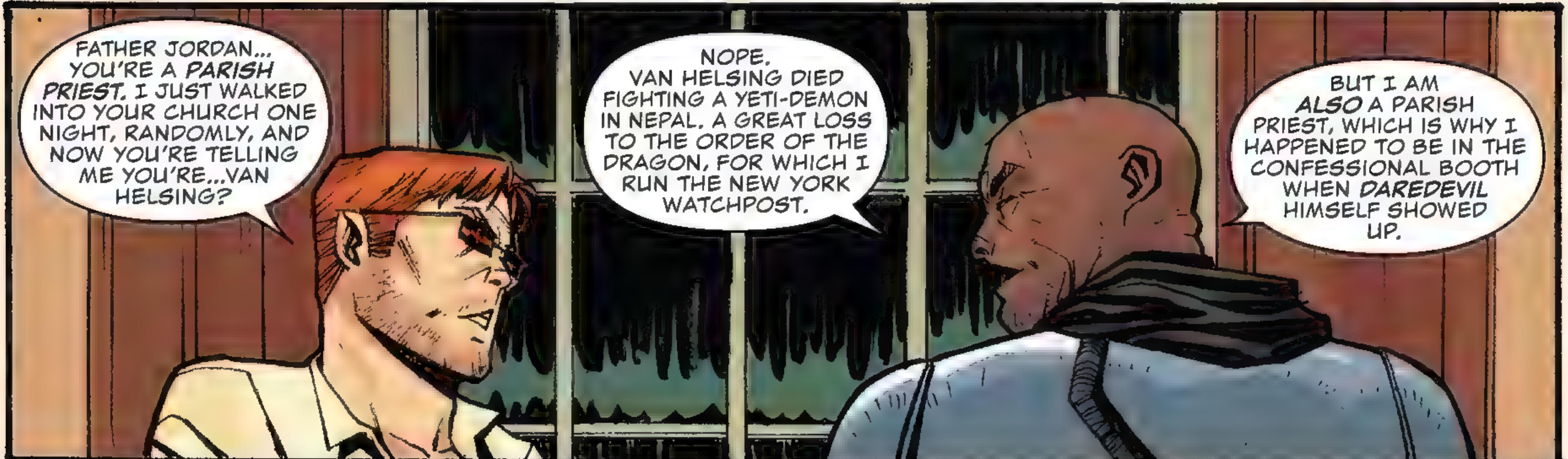
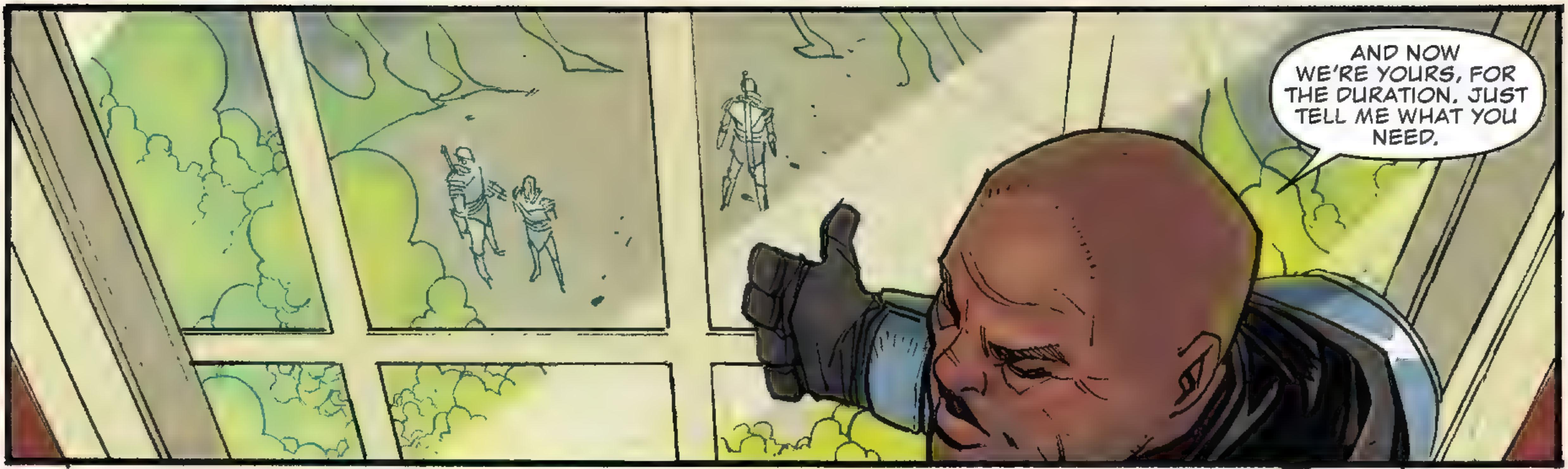
"20TH--THAT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE. LOTS OF WARS, LOTS OF NEW THREATS, CULTURES AND MYTHOLOGIES MIXING."

"BUT WE DID OUR PART."

"TODAY WE GO WHEREVER WE'RE NEEDED, WARRIOR-PRIESTS, WITH TRAINING AND GEAR FOR ANYTHING THE NIGHT THROWS AT US."

"WE USE OUR FAITH, SKILL AND WILL. WE BRING THAT CLEANSING FIRE."

"WE BURN THAT EVIL DOWN."



"YOU HAVE TO ATTACK THE HIVE."

WERE YOU ABLE TO RUN THE ANALYSIS I REQUESTED, COMMISSIONER KARNIK?

YES, MR. MAYOR. WE'VE COLLATED DATA ABOUT THE WAY THIS POISON FOG APPEARED ON THE STREET--EYEWITNESS REPORTS, CCTV.

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN ALL AT ONCE. IT STARTED IN MIDTOWN, AND THEN IT SPREAD. THAT LET US RUN A REGRESSION.

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL, IT BEGAN RIGHT HERE.

40 WEST 40TH. THE OLD AMERICAN RADIATOR BUILDING.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL PASS THAT ALONG TO DAREDEVIL. IF ALL GOES WELL, HE'LL END THIS WHOLE THING.

OR MAYBE DAREDEVIL WILL LITERALLY END UP IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST.

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO SEND YOUR GOOD FRIEND DAREDEVIL ON A SUICIDE MISSION?

BLINDSPOT, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STAY HERE.

I'M STILL NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT. I NEED YOU WATCHING MY BACK WHILE I REST. JUST IN CASE THE HAND ATTACKS WHILE DAREDEVIL'S GONE.

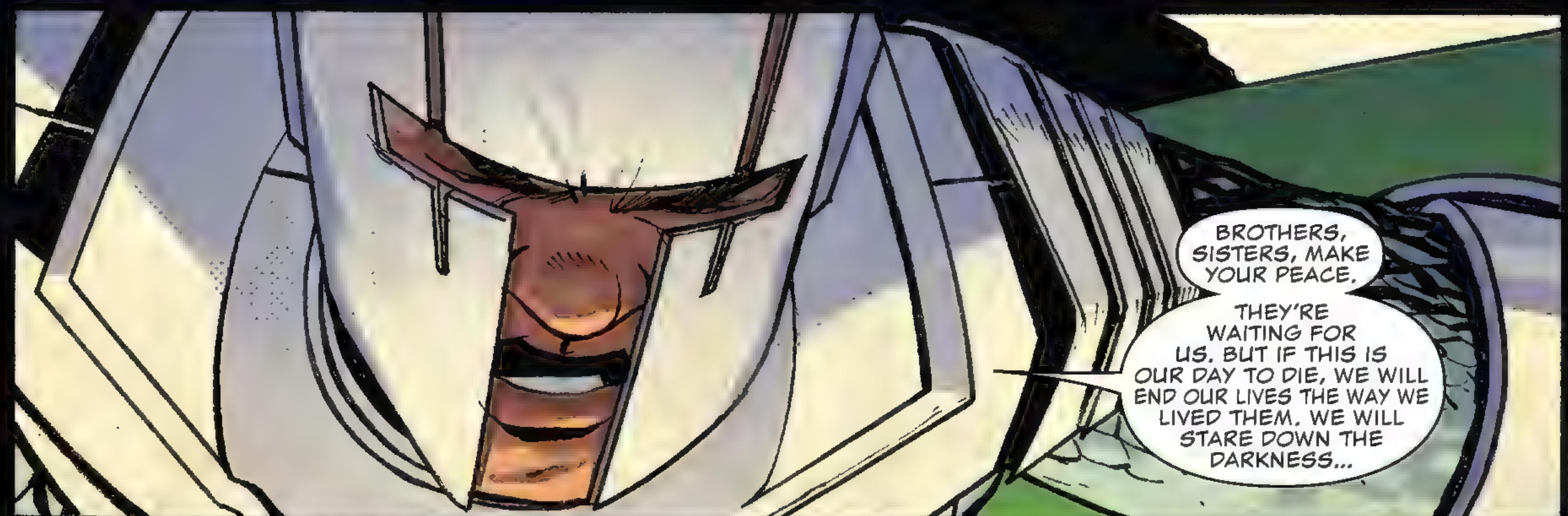
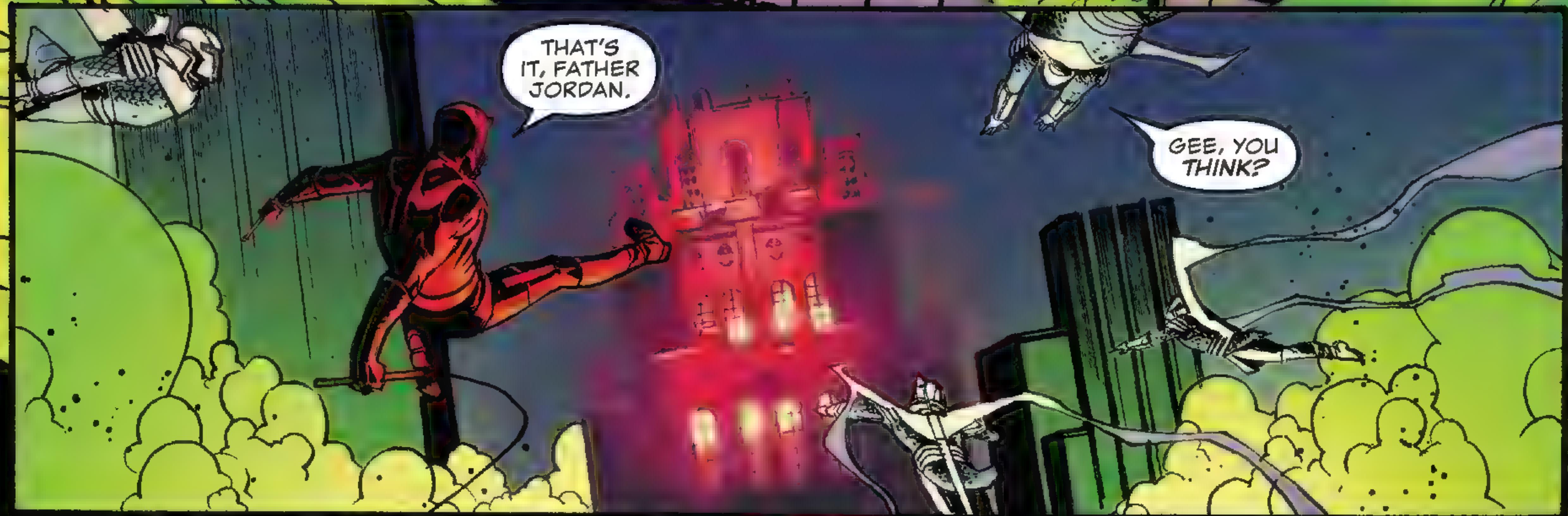
UH...SURE, MR. MURDOCK. YOU GOT IT.

INSANITY. UTTER INSANITY.

FATHER JORDAN. YOUR PEOPLE--IS THERE ANY CHANCE THEY CAN FLY?

MATT, WE'RE DRAGONS.

"OF COURSE
WE CAN FLY."





"...AND SHOW IT THE LIGHT."



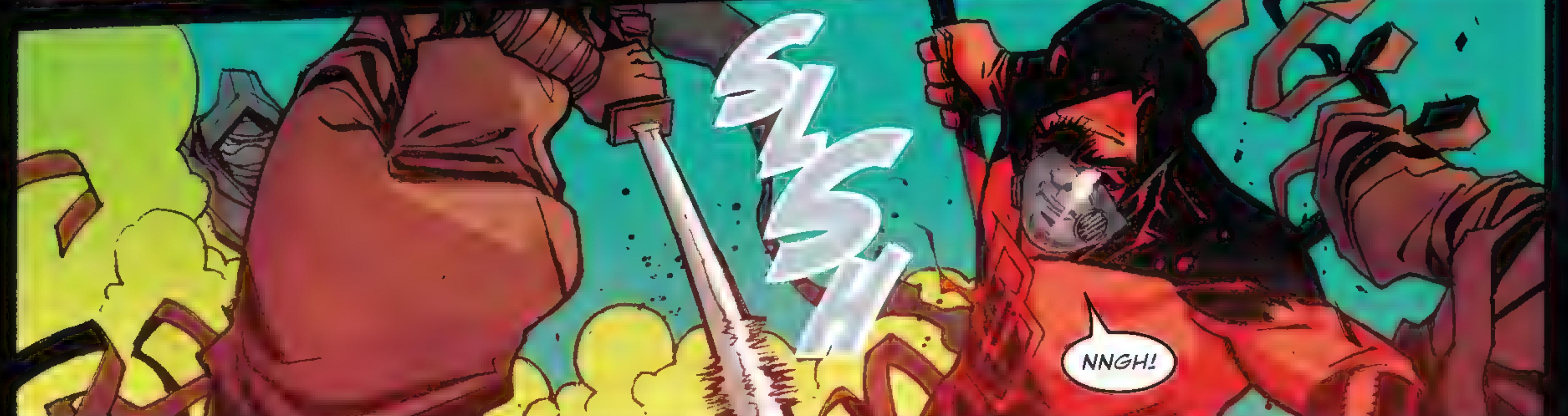
This is...hard to believe.

Heading into battle with an army of warrior-priests, flying across New York City to battle evil itself.

But you use the weapons you have.

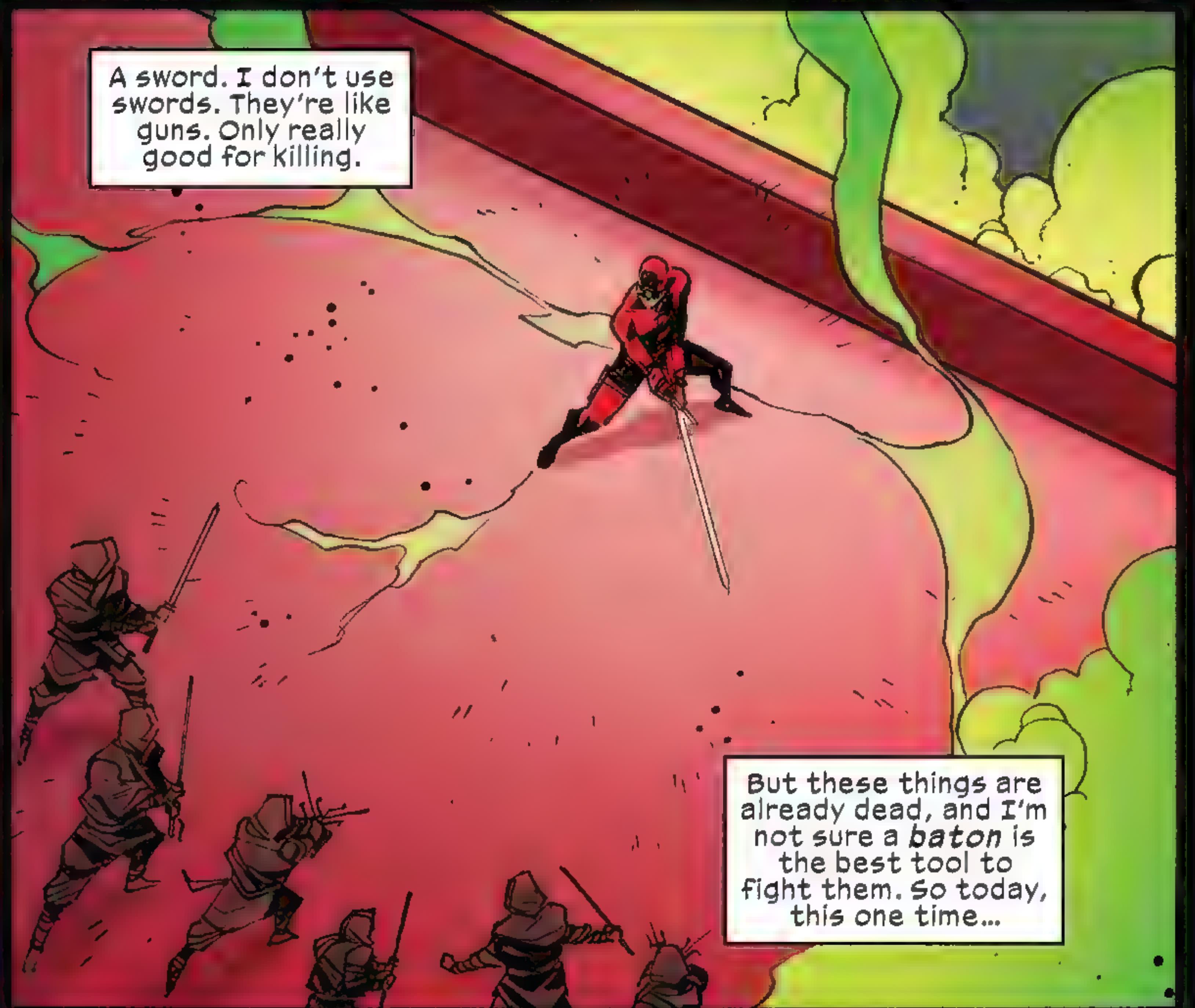
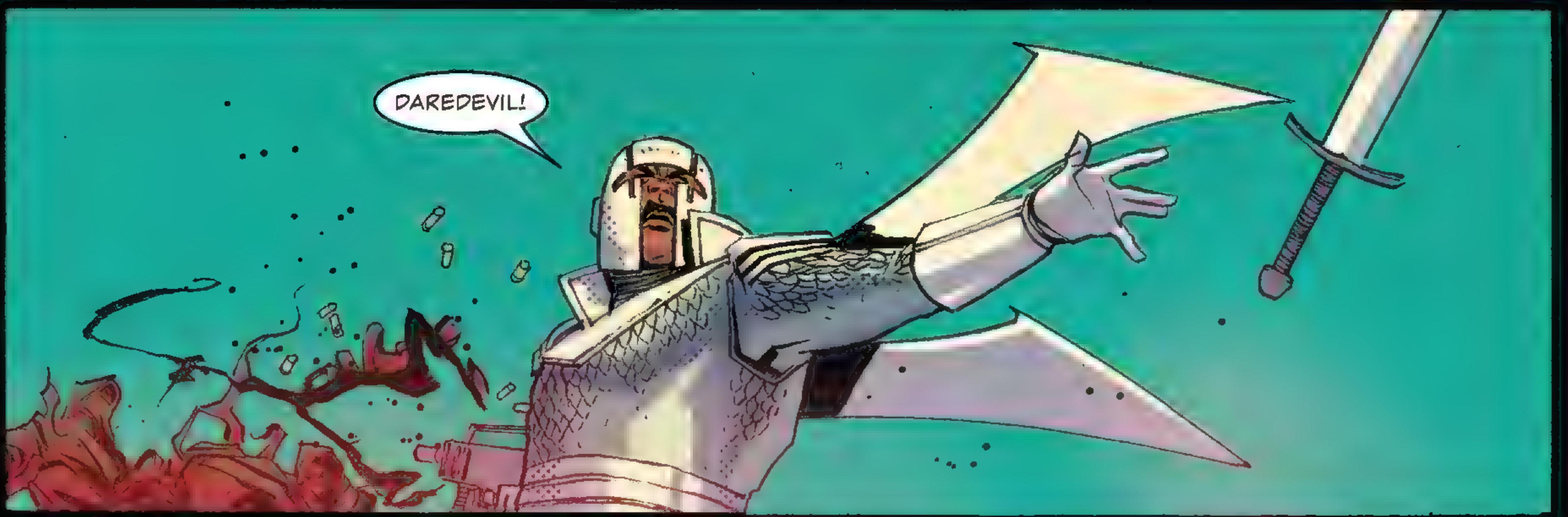


And these men and women are weapons.



NNGH!

DAREDEVIL!



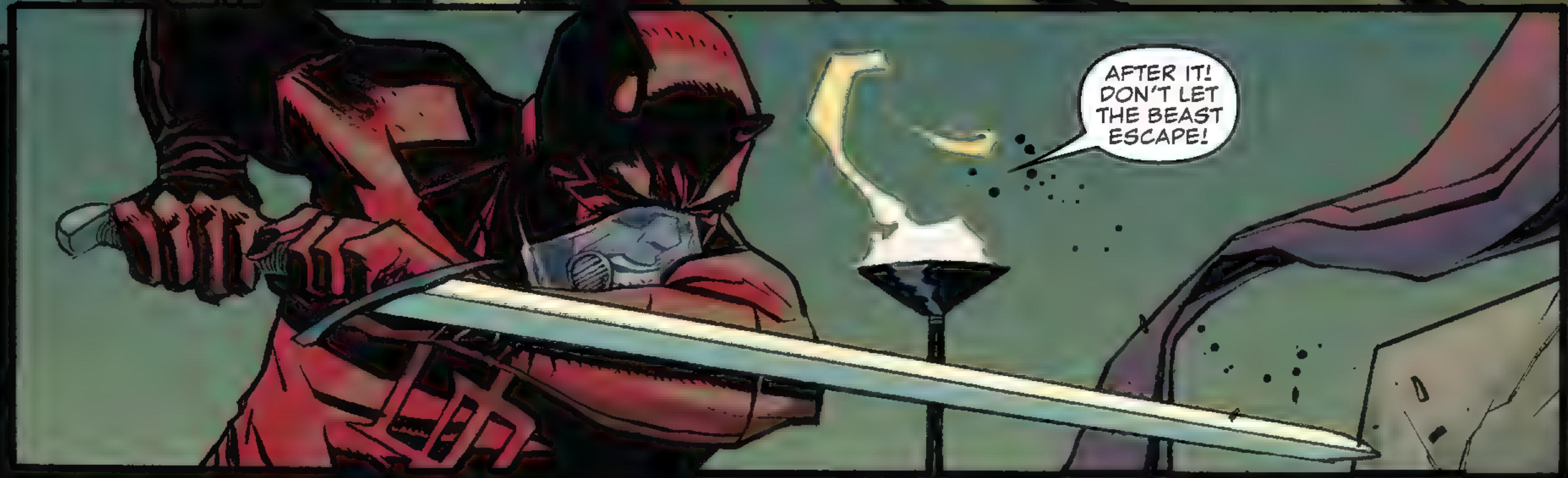
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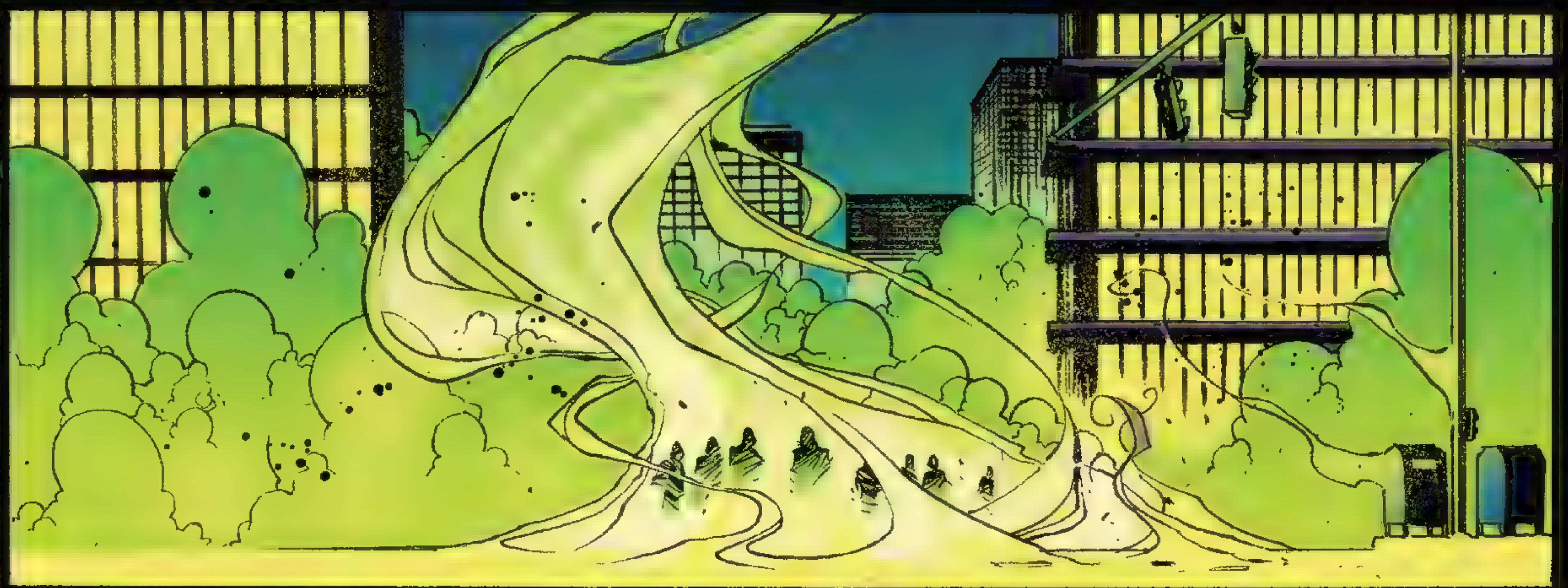
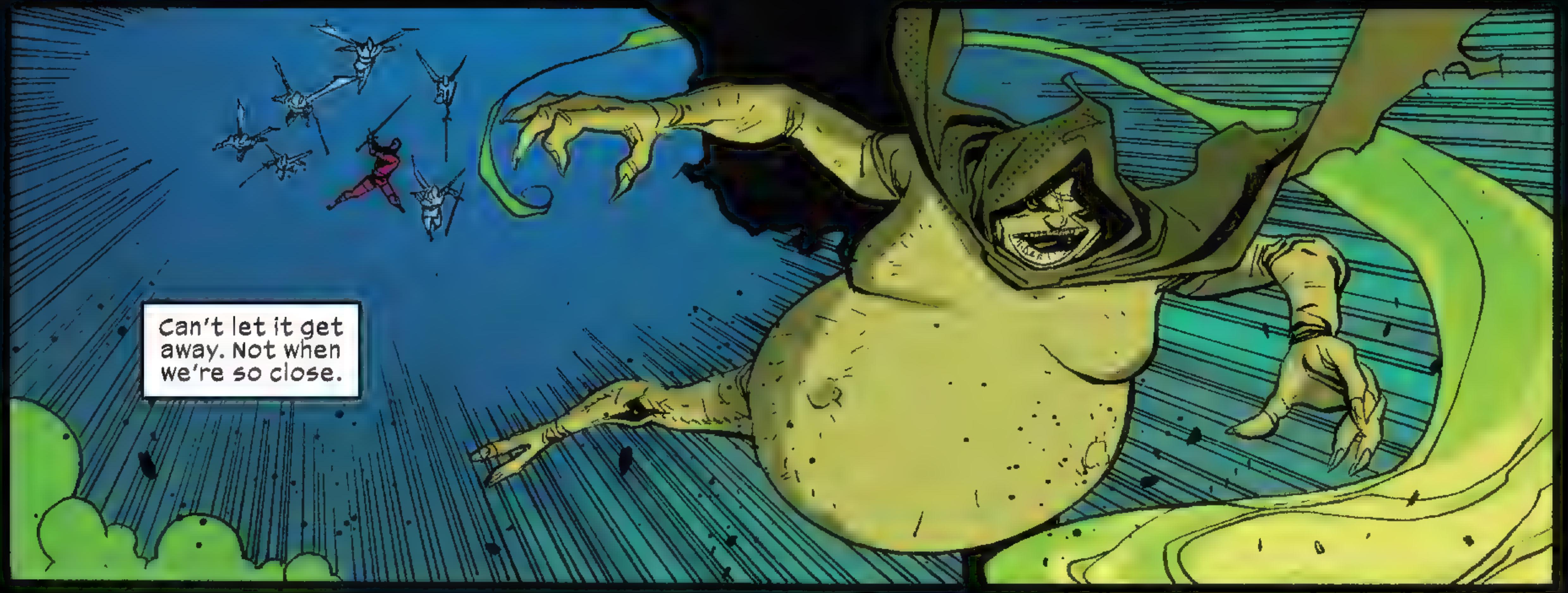
The Beast--
there it is.

We have it.
We've taken it
by surprise.

This is all
about to end.

I'll stab that evil
thing right through
its dark, poisoned--





I was right.

This is all about to end.

LOOK OUT!
IT WAS A TRICK!
LOOK OUT--

PFEEEEEE

KTWNNG

DAREDEVIL!
WE NEED AN
UPDATE! COME IN,
DAREDEVIL!



COMMISSIONER
KARNIK'S GETTING
REPORTS THAT THE FOG'S
CHANGING, ALL OVER THE
CITY--TURNING INTO
MORE OF THOSE
DAMN NINJAS.

WOW.

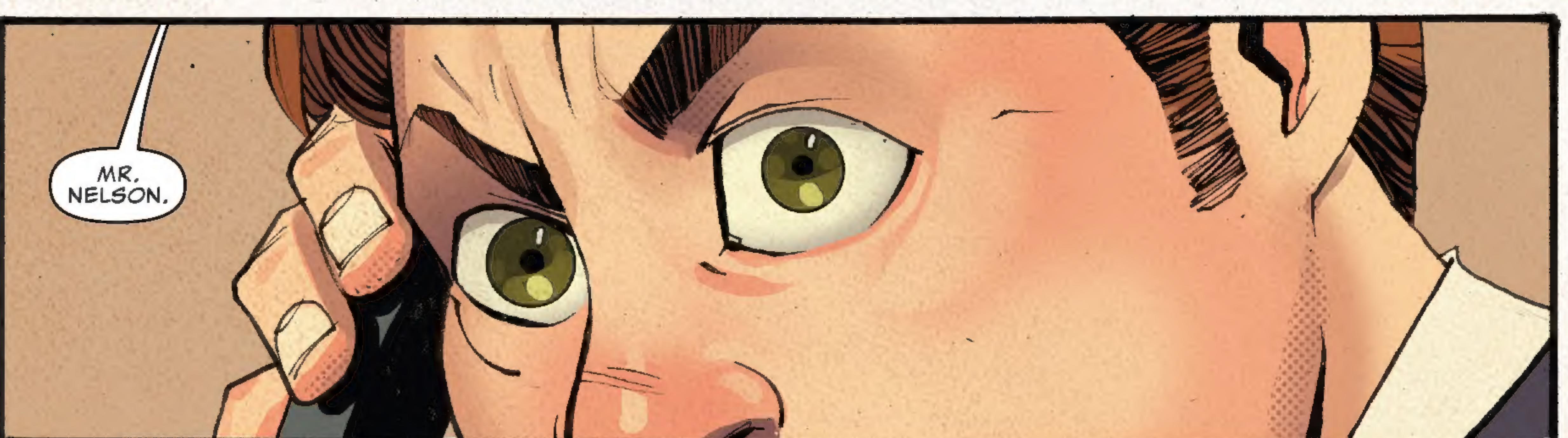


WHAT'S
GOING ON,
DAREDEVIL? WE NEED
TO KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING.

OH,
NO.



MR.
NELSON.



AW...
CRAP.

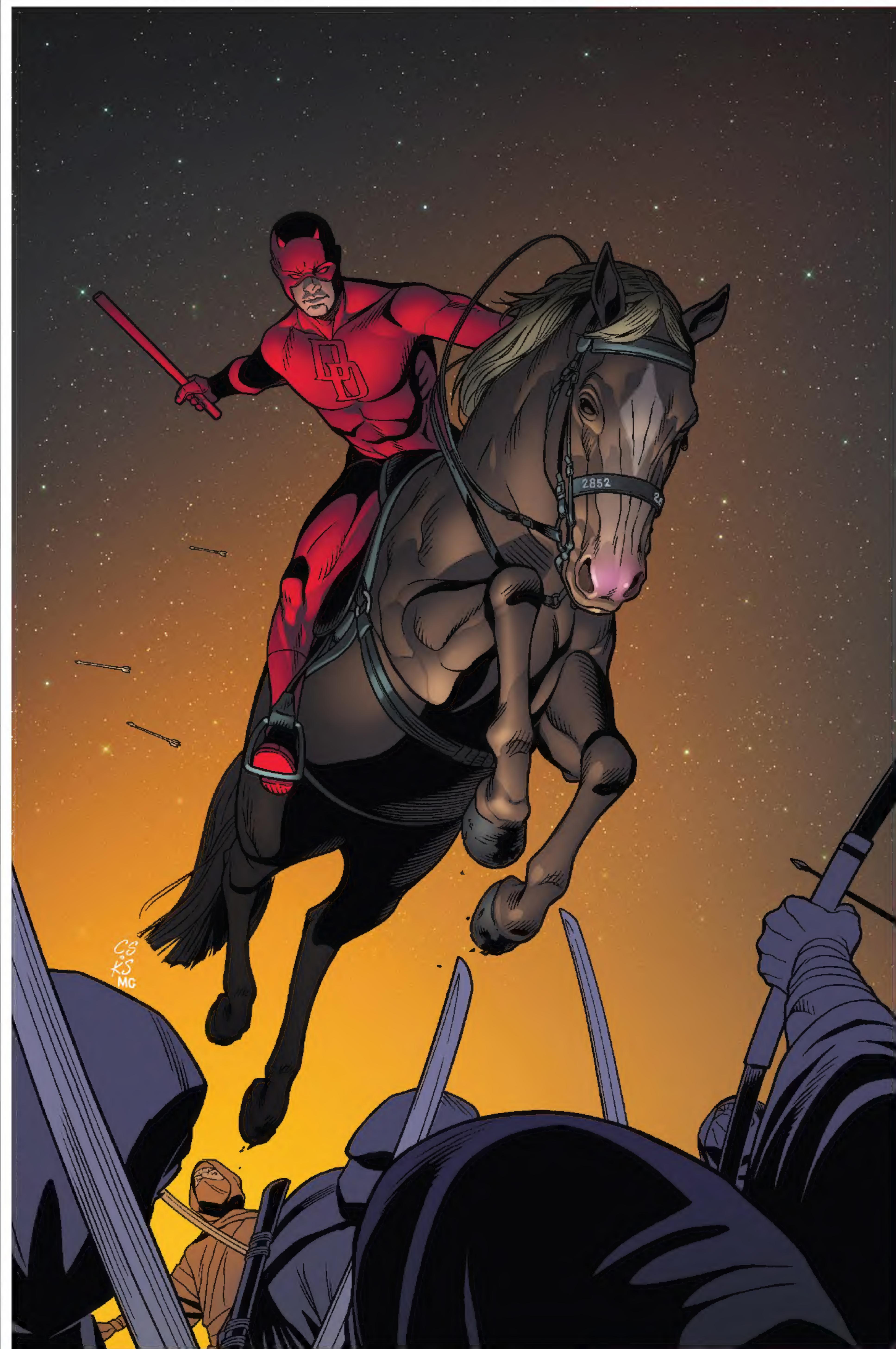




GET
OUT OF MY
SEAT.

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